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SUBJECT: IRISH SUGAR BEET GROWERS' DISPUTE RESOLVED

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1. IRISH FARMER REPRESENTATIVES AND IRISH SUGAR COMPANY OFFICIALS YESTERDAY (FEBRUARY 19) REACHED AGREEMENT ON PRICES FOR 1975/76 SUGAR BEET CROP. THIS REMOVES FINAL OBSTACLE TO PRODUCTION. ON FEBRUARY 12, IRISH FARMERS ASSOCIATION (IFA) CALLED OFF ITS "GROW NO BEET" CAMPAIGN AFTER CONCESSIONS BY GOI ON TAX PROPOSALS AND IMPROVED CATTLE PRICE SUPPORTS.

2. NEW PRICE AGREEMENT IS A MINIMUM 18 POUNDS PER LONG TON FOR BEET WITH 16 PERCENT SUGAR AND A RESALE PRICE FOR BEET PULP TO FARMERS OF 46 POUNDS PER LONG TON. THIS COMPARES WITH A FINAL PRICE OF 10.32 POUNDS PER TON FOR BEET AND BETWEEN 16.25 POUNDS AND 46.00 POUNDS PER TON FOR PULP IN 1974/75.

3. GOI AGREED TO SET UP A REVIEW BODY TO LOOK AT FARMER TAXATION.

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GOI ALSO AGREED TO PAY THREE FOURTHS OF THE BEEF COW INCENTIVE

SCHEME GRANTS NOW AND MAKE AN INDEPTH EXAMINATION OF THE SLAUGHTER PREMIUM AND THE INTERVENTION SYSTEM IN IRELAND TO ENSURE THAT SUPPORT PRICES GET BACK TO THE FARMER.

4. THE IFA "GROW NO BEET" CAMPAIGN BROUGHT DISSENTION WITHIN THE FARMERS' ORGANIZATION AND STRONG CRITICISM FROM OUTSIDE. THE IFA, GOI AND THE IRISH SUGAR COMPANY ARE NOW PUSHING A "GROW MORE BEET" CAMPAIGN WHICH, IF LIKELY TO BE NO MORE SUCCESSFUL, WILL BE MORE POPULAR.

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